

SHOULD HOLD THEIR COTTON.

A Cotton Buyer Thinks That if the Farmers Will Hold Their Cotton the Price Will go to 10 Cents and Stay There—Would Be Better for Grower and Manufacturer.

"I intended to go to Raleigh this week to attend the meeting of the Cotton Growers' Association," said Mr. A. J. McKinnon, a well-known cotton buyer of Maxton, to a Charlotte Observer reporter last week, "but pressure of business, that I could not control prevented my doing so."

"Well, what do you think of the cotton situation?" was asked.

"I think the speculators are waging a great fight, both in contract cotton and the manufactured product, against the price of cotton; they are trying to break the farmers' faith in higher prices."

"If the farmers give way and sell their cotton, why the mill man will not establish the price of his goods and therefore it will be a hardship for him to have the price for cotton. But if the farmers stand for ten cents, aid refuse to sell a bale of cotton until it brings that price, there will be no trouble in the world about establishing the price of ten cents for the raw material, and it will be no trouble for the mill man to get a price for his product that will enable him to pay ten cents for the cotton and make a fair profit on the investment."

"The idea that I am trying to convey is, that some united effort might be made by which the trading and speculating world might be convinced that cotton could not be bought in the South for less than ten cents."

"I recognize that there is one bad feature about this proposition, and that is that there is quite a lot of cotton owned by merchants, or rather on which the merchants have claims; but in an instance of that kind, the farmer could surrender his cotton with the understanding that the merchant was not to sell a pound of it until he could get ten cents for it, and that the farmer would pay the interest on the indebtedness, and with this cotton in hand the merchant would be positively safe, and on this cotton as collateral he could get money at a reasonable rate of interest, and the farmer could very well afford to pay this interest."

"I know that this is a big undertaking; at the same time, there has never been a time when sentiment has been so strong among the farmers, nor has there ever been a time when the farmers in any section of the country has been in as good position to stand to establish a standard price for cotton, nor has there ever been a time when there was so little cotton to begin a season with as there was at the beginning of this season, nor has there ever been a time when the manufactured stocks would naturally be in so depleted a condition than there was at the beginning of this season, and I think that if the growers of cotton really knew the conditions as they exist,

and had some encouragement from the agricultural stations in the cotton-growing sections, that they could win in this fight, and if they should succeed in winning once, the manipulators and speculators on Wall Street would find that they could not grow rich in the future by depressing the cotton products while the bulk of the cotton was going on the market, and after it had left the hands of the people who toiled to produce it, to run it to a price that would cripple the manufacturing industry of both North and South, and nobody profit thereby except the manipulators and speculators."

In Defense of the "American Society of Equity."

Messrs. Editors: In The Progressive Farmer and Cotton Plant of October 25th, we see an article copied from the Country Gentleman purporting to be written by one E. E. Miller, of Hamblen County, Tenn., assailing and grossly misrepresenting the American Society of Equity: an association of farmers in the West and more or less in most of the United States. We confess that we were surprised as well as grieved to read such an article in The Progressive Farmer, a farmer's paper and the organ of a large farmers' organization.

The article is so full of gross misrepresentations and false conclusions that we, as a member of the A. S. of E., beg space in The Progressive Farmer, not to reply to the writer but to point out the incorrect statement in the article referred to.

He says first: "I am receiving twice a month the official organ of the American Society of Equity, an organization started by a Western publisher to get subscribers," etc. This is untrue. Mr. Everett was publishing his paper long before either the Alliance or American Society of Equity was organized; he is one of the largest farmers and seedsmen in the State of Indiana.

Again: "The farmers organize local unions, pay membership fee of \$1, subscribe for the national organ and obey the direction of the president as to the price at which they sell scribe, nor does the president give for members are not bound to subscribe, nor does the president give and order, nor does he have any voice in fixing the price of anything."

Again, "the president of the society seems in fact, to be pretty much the whole thing, etc." Incorrect. The president has the voice of one man only and all the work is managed by a board of directors elected by the members at large.

Again, "as the present head of the order was its founder and is the publisher of its official paper, his tenure of office is secure." In fact, the president is elected annually by a board of directors elected by the members at large.

As space in The Progressive Farmer is valuable and space limited, we must pass over the twaddle and snarl in reference to Morgan and Rockefeller, etc. "oin the A. S. & E. and farmers will be the people and

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January 11, 1904.

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rule the world, etc." No such extreme foolishness is ever hinted at in the Society. Listen: "That no one will be so false to the tillers of the soil as to sell at below that fixed by the president," etc. This slur at an organization composed of 60,000 farmers, many of them as intelligent as our country affords selling their products at a price fixed by the president of the order, is too sickening to notice. Mr. Everett, the president, has no more voice nor power to fix a price than has Dr. Freeman or Dr. Kilgore, nor is such practiced by the members. The object sought by the A. S. of E. is equity, no more no less. To place the farmers and producers in a position to fix the price for the fruits of their labor; to co-operate along all lines that affect them; to educate their offspring, and market their products as the markets demand.

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Have a business system and work up to it. Are there 60,000 fool farmers in the order of the A. S. of E., and more pouring in, as E. E. Miller states? The American Society of Equity will never attack the Farmers' Alliance nor any other farmers organization.

Nearly all thinking people admit that American farmers should organize for mutual benefit and protection against the unjust exactions of other combinations; but the farmers no sooner start their organizations, than here comes the self-constituted dictator to give advice, to criticise, to condemn, malign, slander their leaders, and misrepresent their movements. I hope, Mr. Editor, that, as our organization has been assailed and slandered by Mr. Miller in the Country Gentleman, and copied in our Progressive Farmer and Cotton Plant, you will allow us space to correct his misstatements.

D. P. MEACHAM.